

IN THE CLAIMS

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Claims 1-10 (cancelled).

11. (New) A conference installation comprising:
 - a network;
 - a plurality of network units connected by the network;
 - at least one delegate speech station which has an audio unit for changing audio signals into first signals;
 - a signal processing unit for converting first signals into second signals;
 - an interface for sending the second signals to an external network unit and for receiving third signals from an external network unit;
 - said signal processing unit being suitable for converting the third signals received from the external network unit into first signals;
 - said audio unit being adapted to convert first signals into audio signals and to reproduce audio signals;
 - said second and third signals being based on a first communication protocol;
 - said communication of the external network units with each other being based on a second communication protocol which represents a network communication protocol; and
 - a chairman speech station for controlling the communication of the at least one delegate speech station with the network, wherein a communication of the delegate speech station is interrupted and/or enabled.

12. (New) A conference installation according to claim 11 and further comprising operating elements for controlling the delegate speech station.

13. (New) A conference installation according to claim 12 wherein the operating elements are connected to the signal processing unit and wherein the signals produced by the

operating elements are converted by the signal processing unit into fourth signals and are forwarded to the interface.

14. (New) A conference installation according to claim 11, wherein the signal processing unit represents a digital signal processing unit and the interface represents a digital interface.

15. (New) A conference installation according to claim 11, wherein the audio unit has a swan-neck microphone.

16. (New) A conference installation according to claim 11, comprising a conference installation control unit for controlling the delegate speech stations connected to a conference installation.

17. (New) A conference installation according to claim 11, wherein the network units each have respective specific network identifications.

18. (New) A conference installation according to claim 11, further comprising a network server for controlling the network.

19. (New) A conference installation according to claim 11, wherein an operating system upon recognition of the individual delegate speech stations is transmitted to the delegate speech stations during a connection to the network.